

Liberty File

SECURITY

MEMORANDUM

4 October 1949

TO : ADSO
FROM : Chief, FDM
SUBJECT : Establishment of Amateur Radio Station

1. The attached memorandum from Karlsruhe outlines a plan which is intended to implement the program for recruitment of short-term stay-behind W/T operators who could be of use in the period immediately following an outbreak of hostilities. The plan proposes that suitable candidates for this activity be selected from among German nationals who are legally licensed to operate amateur radio stations in the U.S. Zone of Germany.
2. Karlsruhe has asked that one of FDM's Field Assistants there be granted permission to operate an amateur station for the purpose of obtaining contacts and judging the proficiency of the German amateurs.
3. CDS No. 25, 18 August 1949, prohibits the operation of amateur radio stations by the overseas personnel of this organization. The station proposed by Karlsruhe, however, would be entirely operational. The Field Assistant who would run the station is not a member of the Communications staff, nor would the station itself be located in a place which could compromise the Karlsruhe communications establishment. We therefore ask that an exception be made to the order contained in CDS No. 25 and that Karlsruhe be allowed to operate an amateur station for the purpose described above.

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